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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, JO, US, SA

SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: STATE 177834

1. PRINCE SAUD ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING TO GIVE ME SAG RESPONSE TO THE PRICING/DELIVERY/PAYMENT SCHEDULES CITED IN REFTEL. HE SAID HE WAS ACTING IN BEHALF OF PRINCE FAHD WHO REGRETTED THAT THE PRESSURE OF OTHER BUSINESS MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SEE ME.
2. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT THEY HAVE INFORMED THE JORDANIANS THEY WILL ACCEPT THE PACKAGE THAT USG HAD PRESENTED TO SAG IN THE MATTER OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN, SUBJECT TO USG ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
3. INSTEAD OF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE WE PROPOSED, SAUDI GOVT REQUESTS THAT WE LOWER THE FIGURE FOR INSTALLMENTS PAYABLE TO TOTAL OF \$180 MILLION DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS WITH THE SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS DIVIDED EQUALLY OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
4. SAG WAS NOT ASKING US TO CHANGE PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOR TOTAL PAYMENT, BUT IN VIEW OF THEIR OTHER COMMITMENTS THEY

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FEEL THEIR COUNTERPROPOSAL WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM TO

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